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- 11. PER DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE, THE FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO REFTEL AND CONSTITUTES POST'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ANNUAL TERRORISM REPORT.
- 1A. THERE HAVE BEEN NO ACTS OF TERRORISM DIRECTED AGAINST UNITED STATES (U.S.) CITIZENS OR U.S. GOVERNMENT (USG) FACILITIES IN MOROCCO. THE GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO (GOM) CONTINUES TO BE RESPONSIVE TO POST'S REAL OR PERCEIVED SECURITY CONCERNS AND HAS COOPERATED WITH U.S. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE TWIN EMBASSY BOMBINGS IN EAST AFRICA. THE MOST RECENT ACT OF INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE PERPETRATED IN THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO OCCURRED AT A TOURIST HOTEL IN MARRAKECH IN 1994; SUSPICIONS REMAINS THAT IT WAS PLANNED AND EXECUTED IN PART BY ALGERIAN EXTREMISTS.
- 1B. THE GOM EXTRADITED NO TERRORISTS IN 1999 AND THE USG REQUESTED NO RENDITIONS DURING THIS TIMEFRAME.
- 1C. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NOT AN EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE USG AND GOM, POST DOES NOT PERCEIVE THERE WOULD BE ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPEDIMENTS TO GOM PROSECUTION AND/OR EXTRADITION OF KNOWN TERRORISTS THAT ARE NOT MOROCCAN NATIONALS.
- 1D. THE GOM TRADITIONALLY ISSUES PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.
- _TE. TO POST'S KNOWLEDGE, THE GOM HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN ANY MAJOR COUNTERTERRORISM (CT) EFFORTS IN 1999, LOCALLY OR INTERNATIONALLY.
- 1F. THE GOM DOES NOT SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, TERRORISTS, OR TERRORIST GROUPS.
- IG. THE GOM HAS NOT ISSUED ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE SEVEN TERRORIST-SUPPORTING NATTONS; HOWEVER, IRAN, IRAQ, LIBYA, SYRIA, AND THE SUDANHAVE DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.
- 1H. THERE HAS BEEN NO GOM CHANGE IN ATTITUE TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM OR ITS SUPPRTERS IN 1999.
- 1. THE USG AND GOM ARE FULLY COOERATIVE ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND REGIONAL CT EFFORTS.
- 1J. DURING THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS, THE USG HAS NOT SOUGHT GOM SUPPORT IN THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF AN ACT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR U.S. INTERESTS.
- MK. DURING THE FIVE PREVIOUS YEARS, THE USG HAS NOT SOUGHT GOM SUPPORT IN THE PREVENTION OF AN ACT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS OR U.S. INTERESTS.

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